

Torpedo Hits Liner

LUSITANIA, NEW YORK TO
LIVERPOOL, WITH 1,300
PASSENGERS, SUNK

STRUCK BY GERMAN
TORPEDO OFF OLD HEAD

LINER DUE IN LIVERPOOL
TODAY; MANY NOTABLES
ON BOARD VESSEL

BULLETIN.

LONDON, May 7.—REPORT AT
3 O'CLOCK SAYS LUSITANIA HAS
DISAPPEARED UNDER THE
WATERS. OF 1,300 PASSENGERS
IT IS BELIEVED THAT 900 ARE
LOST.

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 7.—The giant steam-
ship Lusitania, the pride of the
Cunard steamship line, one of the
fastest and largest ships afloat, has
been sunk off Old Head, Kinsale, by a
torpedo.

The vessel went down at 2:33
o'clock this afternoon and presented
of which there were thirteen hundred.
Including Alfred Vanderbilt, Elbert
Hubbard, and a score of American
millionaires, are believed to be safe.
Fifteen steamers are rushing to
the scene.

Kinsale is a seaport of Ireland,
thirteen miles southwest of Cork.

Dispatch Confirms First Report.

New York, May 7.—A dispatch from
London, printed on the Dow Jones
news bureau ticker, states that a re-
port to Lloyd's says the Lusitania has
been sunk off Kinsale, Ireland.

New York, May 7.—The cablegrams
on the disaster made public by the
Cunard Steamship Line, read as fol-
lows:

"We received from the Lands End
wireless station news of repeated dis-
tress calls made by Lusitania, asking
for assistance at once. The ship was
at a big list. Position was ten miles
south of Kinsale. We subsequently
received telegrams from Queenstown
that all available craft in the harbor
had been dispatched to her assist-
ance."

Second message received reads as
follows:

"A Queenstown wire says that about
twenty of the boats belonging to our
line are in the vicinity where the
Lusitania sank."

Third message: "The following
sent by the admiralty from Galley
Head at 4:25 p. m.: Several boats,
apparently with survivors, is at the
southeast, nine miles. Greek steamer
proceeding to assist."

When the Lusitania sailed there
was nervousness, caused by the pub-
lication in morning paper of Saturday
last, of advertisement warning the in-
tending travelers that a state of war
existed between Germany and the
Allies and that it was dangerous to
travel on enemy's ships. It was
signed "Imperial German Embassy."
The warning did not, however, cause
many cancellations. Vanderbilt tore
up the telegram of warning sent him
not to sail. Other prominent men got
similar warnings.

Late today the Cunard Line officials

COMING EVENTS

Millia Officers School, May 2-
12.
State Missionary Meeting,
May 6-7.
Oklahoma City Trade Excur-
sion, May 7.
State Press Association, May
7-8.
Odd Fellows, May 10, 11, 12.
State Elks Association, May
13 and 14.
State Intercollegiate Track
Meet, May 17-18.
Post Office Clerks' State As-
sociation, May 31.

DAMAGE FROM HIGH WINDS REACH MILLION

ENTIRE SOUTH VISITED; 21
DEAD IN LOUISIANA;
COLD RAIN HERE

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., May 7.—The
death toll of wind storms, which
devastated Acadia Parish, in south-
western Louisiana, and Coahoma
county, northwestern Mississippi, yes-
terday, stood today at twenty-one; all
but one are negroes. Fifteen were
killed at Egan and Mergentau, in
Acadia Parish, and six near Clarks-
dale and Jonesboro, Mississippi.
Property loss is estimated at half a
million dollars. Wires are down and
details necessarily scant.

The storm in southern Oklahoma
was disastrous to property. It is es-
timated that the loss will reach
\$200,000. Ardmore suffered the
heaviest. Many buildings were
wrecked and several persons injured,
but none so far, have been reported
killed. S. R. Sciavly, proprietor of
the Highland theater suffered a loss
at Ardmore; five residence proper-
ties owned by him at that place were
damaged. "I had fire but no tornado
insurance," he said today.

Twenty-five houses were damaged at
Ringling, the Carter county oil town.
At Tulsa the storm was terrific; two
55,000 barrel oil tanks were struck by
lightning and destroyed. A cold rain,
unaccompanied by wind visited this
vicinity. A slight frost fell in por-
tions of the state.

DR. LEO CORKINS, FORMER GUTHRIE BOY, ILL IN SERBIA

A letter received today by Dr.
C. F. Cottrell from Dr. Leo Corkins
dated last month at Belgrade, on the
Serbian frontier tells of the horrible
conditions existing there. Dr. Cor-
kins is a son of former Santa Fe
Agent Corkins and is well known in
Guthrie.

He has been connected with the
allied armies since early in the war
and is now in a typhus camp near the
river Save.

A letter from A. J. Corkins to Dr.
Cottrell states that Leo is now dan-
gerously ill with fever and has been
sent to Paris.

TO TALK WITH FRISCO ON SATURDAY

On Saturday afternoon between 2
and 4 o'clock a score or more state
editors assembled at the lone hotel,
this city, will talk over the wire to
newspaper men at San Francisco.

E. S. Bronson, secretary of the Ok-
lahoma Press association, has com-
pleted arrangements with John M.
Noble, general manager for the Pion-
eer Telephone company, to have Ok-
lahoma editors listen to a 39-minute
address by Hon. Jesse Dunn, former
supreme judge of this state; Comis-
sioner Vogelzang of the Panama-Pa-
cific Exposition; the editor of the
San Francisco Chronicle and the edi-
tor of the Examiner. Each of the
four is to speak over long-distance
seven and one-half minutes and the
talk from San Francisco to Guthrie
will be the greatest long-distance
address Oklahoma editors will have
listened to. The telephone company
expects to maintain high current pres-
sure so that the addresses can be
plainly heard. Secretary Bronson
does not know the hour when this
special feature will be given. A
number of telephones will be in read-
iness to accommodate the editors and
they need have no fears of being dis-
appointed. This will be a great treat
to editors, and Secretary Bronson is
elated because the company consented
to furnish the service. The Lead-
er received a wire from Judge Dunn
today saying he was delighted with
this opportunity to talk to "home
folks."

Ordinarily, a 4-minute talk to San
Francisco costs \$47.50.

Ex-Middleweight, Among the Guests at Millionaire Wedding in Philadelphia.



Mr. "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien.

Mrs. Cordelia Biddle Duke,
Mrs. O'Brien.
Mr. Angier B. Duke.

When this photograph of "Philadel-
phia Jack" O'Brien, former middle-
weight, among the guests at the
millionaire wedding of Angier B.

Duke of New York, and Mrs. Cor-
delia Biddle of Philadelphia, was
shown to James J. Corbett, "Gentle-
man Jim," who for years was known
as the most polished gentleman in the
ring, he smiled. "Gentleman Jim"
had seen in his time some very high
company. But never in all his life,
from bank clerk to heavyweight
champion and later an uplifter of the
stage, had he attended a wedding
where the father of the groom
possessed so many millions he could
not count his fortune within a million
dollars and swear to its accuracy.

Never in his great career had he
been among guests at a wedding
where the bride was of a family
which stood at the very apex of
American society.

But "Philadelphia Jack," friend of
the father of the bride, was there
when the wedding took place in Phil-
adelphia the other day. Nor was he
the only other notable of the ring
there. Lew Bailey, famous because
he brought out Jack Blackburn, the
wonderful welter weight negro fight-
er, was there with all his diamonds.

"Tony" Biddle, father of the bride,
has long been a friend of "Philadel-
phia Jack." Jack taught him to box,
and under the tutelage of Jack he be-
came a very proficient boxer, the
champion of Philadelphia society.

HOME OF THE PERFECT "36" IS GUTHRIE

OWING TO MINERAL WATERS
NATURAL HAUNT OF THE
SYLPH IS HERE

"Has Guthrie the secret of perpe-
tual slenderness? Apparently it has.
For if you look around you will dis-
cover that the number of girls, and
their mothers too, who run to embon-
points is almost negligible. In other
words, here in Guthrie is the true
and natural haunt of the sylph. Here
all the girls are slender and willow,
and as they grow into maturity they
lose none of their slenderness. There
is so much truth in all this that
visitors here often comment on it
as one of their first observations."
"Why, this is the town that poets

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RAIN FAILS TO DAMPEN ARDOR OF MILITIAMEN

OFFICERS AT MINERAL
WELLS PARK HOLD
SCHOOL IN PAVILION

After three days of beautiful
weather, in which rapid progress was
made by the student officers of the
Oklahoma National Guard now en-
camped in beautiful Island park for
their annual tour of school duty, the
weather chief Wednesday and Thurs-
day turned loose a brand of rainy
weather rarely encountered in Ok-
lahoma at this season of the year.
Straight down it poured for hour af-
ter hour, until notwithstanding the
excellent drainage of the park, the
water stood inches deep over the
surface until the sun broke through

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STRONG PAPERS MARK OPENING SESSION OF STATE PRESS MEET

MAYOR NISSLEY'S
ADDRESS TO PRESS

CITY'S EXECUTIVE EXTENDS
CORDIAL GREETINGS TO
NEWSPAPER MEN

On calling to order the Oklahoma
State Press association, at the as-
sembly room of the Hotel Lone, Guth-
rie, Friday morning, May 7th, Presi-
dent J. B. Campbell, of The Waukomis
Hornet, requested Rev. A. B. Nicholas,
rector of the Trinity Episcopal church,
to pronounce the invocation. Mayor
J. E. Nissley was then introduced and
delivered a very happy and highly
appropriate address of welcome. Af-
ter briefly referring to the far reach-
ing scope and powerful influence of
the press for good, he declared that it
was second only to the pulpit in ac-
quiring results in the building and
moulding of character and good citi-
zenship. He congratulated the as-
sembled editors on having a consti-
tency of two millions or more read-
ers; on being able to make, shape and
crystallize public sentiment in so rap-
idly developing a commonwealth as
Oklahoma.

Mayor Nissley briefly alluded to the
fact that as a public official he real-
ized that the editor who fails to prop-
erly criticize where there are just
grounds for criticism fails to fully
and sacredly perform his duty to his
fellow-citizens and to the state; also
the faithful public servant who hon-
estly strives to do his duty should re-
ceive commendation. In touching on
the present laws that are working a
stricture on the press he said, "For
a state that sounded so loudly the
tocsin, 'Let the People Know,' and a
people which so strongly demanded
the most publicity possible in all mat-
ters in which the public could be in-
terested, our lawmakers have made
rather a cowardly showing. To the
layity it would seem that they have
determined to provide the legal ma-
chinery for unwholesome protection,
and it certainly behooves the press
of Oklahoma to wage such a red hot
campaign as will force our lawmakers

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charged with wife
desertion, arrested

Sheriff Sherwood returned this
morning from Mulhall with Ed Downs,
charged with wife desertion. Downs
left his wife and three small child-
ren several months ago and it is
charged, has since that time been
living with another woman. His wife
made the complaint.

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WOMEN WISH TO PROTECT WILD FLOWERS IN PARK

"Criticism on the condition of the
grass growing rank in Highland park
has been made recently," said Mrs. E.
S. Rexroad of the flower committee
today. "It is not the intention to cut
the grass in that beautiful natural
park, until the wild flowers, nature's
own product, seed. It is the desire of
all women, who have watched the
park develop, to protect the beauti-
ful wild flowers; to cut the grass at
this time would defeat that end."

OKLAHOMA CITY BUSINESS MEN VISIT THE CITY

Oklahoma Trade Excursionists, ar-
rived this morning on schedule time,
9:30 and spent an hour visiting local
merchants. The party consisted of
140 business men and a band. They
arrived over the Frisco, from Klat-
fisher and marched up town head-
ed by the Guthrie Booster band. The
party left at 10:30 for Stillwater and
points on the Eastern Oklahoma rail-
road. "We have had a wonderful trip
and have passed through the greatest
crop growing country in the world,"
said E. K. Gaylord president of the
chamber of commerce of Oklahoma
City, who has the train in charge.

24TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF ASSOCIATION IS WELL ATTENDED

MAYOR NISSLEY EXTENDS
WELCOME, HINDS RESPONDS

HEAVY RAINS AND STORMS
PREVENTS LARGER FIRST
DAY ATTENDANCE

President J. B. Campbell rapped the
twenty-fourth annual convention of
the State Press association to order
at 10:30 o'clock Friday. The assembly
room of the lone hotel was well-filled
with visiting editors, but scores were
prevented from attending the first
session on account of the storms and
rains of Thursday which blocked rail
traffic.

Rector A. B. Nicholas, of Trinity
Episcopal church, invoked divine
blessing on the meeting.

Mayor J. E. Nissley in a strong
speech welcomed the guests and ex-
tended the freedom of the city. The
mayor interspersed his happy felicit-
ations with views and matters touch-
ing the newspaper profession and his
remarks won hearty applause.

To the mayor's welcome, Col. C. W.
B. Hinds, of the Hugo Husonian,
responded feelingly and rapturously.
Hinds was a member of The Leader
staff three years. He speaks the
Guthrie language and was happily
equipped to do justice to his subject.
Annual Address Brief.

The annual address of President
Campbell while brief, was surcharged
with good sense.

Following the president's address
the regular program was taken up.
Members of the "old guard" who are
generally on the firing line at all
initial sessions were absent, and
"debates" of five and ten minutes or
so "appertaining to and touching on"
nothing in particular" were not pulled.

E. S. Bronson, of El Reno, secretary-
treasurer of the association, made a
brief report of the year's business,
finances and membership and prom-
ised a more extended report later in
the session.

J. W. Kayser, of the Chickasha
Star, scheduled to address the con-
vention on the "Linotype," failed to
respond at the call of time. It was a
golden opportunity for Kayser, who
in times past has been prone to cavil
at the annual programs.

"The Railroads and the Newspa-
pers," a paper by J. W. Cornell, of the
Clinton News, was heartily received.
Cornell discussed the subject ab-
stractly and was inclined to defend
alleged errors filed against rail
traffic and management. He balked
at attempts to regulate the press by
commissions.

John W. Wilkinson, of the Okla-
homa Farmer, told about the Farm
paper, while Ed Ingram, of the King-
fisher Star, read an exhaustive and
interesting paper on the subject.
"Printing the Paper" Ingram has
been in the game 29 years or more and
is amply qualified to give off correct
impressions pertaining to his profes-
sion.

The Oklahoma Methodist Quartette
broke the regular routine with two
stirring selections and responded to
an encore.

Views of Gibbons.

J. Burr Gibbons, of the Tulsa

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THE WEATHER



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(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., May 7.—Tonight
fair, probably frost in north portion
Saturday fair.